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Some time ago I wrote Mr. Hughes to come to Cincinnati, and explain the financial condition of the Blade to me. He came yesterday and in looking over the list I found over 2,000 in arrears. Some of these, about 400, he has carried for two years and over. Now you know that paper and postage cost money, that labor costs, that Hughes has been clicking away at the linotype while many of you have been sleeping. All of this expense is a dead loss if you do not pay him. Is this just?

He can't afford to carry you longer. Why should you expect it? I asked him not to drop any one just yet, for I don't want to see the prestige of the paper lowered. You need the paper—you would miss it if it did not come to you. The paper needs you. It needs your support. The contributors need you. It takes the heart out of us when we know that our writings go to only a few.

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I am satisfied most of you are in arrears just from pure neglect. You think time and again: "Now I'll send that dollar the next time I go to the office," and then you forget it. Now put your thinking caps on. Don't drop out; let us all stand together.

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J. B. WILSON.

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EPISCOPAL

SKY-PILOT JINES THE CATHOLICS—SAYS IT'S THAT OR INFIDELITY.

New York press dispatch says that Rev. George Abert Cain—kin to the fellow that killed his brother—an Episcopal preacher is going to join the Catholics because it's between Catholicism and Infidelity as to which is right.

A part of the gab of Cain is as follows:

"When a man comes to see these facts there is nothing for him to do but become a Catholic or an Agnostic. More and more Protestants are finding out that this is the alternative, and those who care much about religion are bound to come in ever-increasing numbers to the Christianity of history. Those who do not care much will shrug their shoulders and be real Agnostics."

I have hardly ever made any statement about Christianity that was not, pretty soon after, confirmed by some big preacher. I have told you, time and again, that Infidelity has nothing to fear from Protestants, because the Protestants are so divided that each sect hates any other Protestant sect more than it hates the Infidel or the Catholics.

Occasionally, just to fool rank outsiders, the different Protestant sects in Lexington will go into a kind of a pool or trust, to try to make Infidels believe that they do not hate each other, but any Campbellite in Lexington would rather see the Infidels or the Catholics succeed than to see any other Protestant sect succeed, and the same is true of any other Protestant sect in Lexington or any where else.

There is a common impression among people who are otherwise intelligent, that there never has been any division among the Catholics and that is true among these Roman Catholics that we have in this country; but the real head of the Catholic church—the church in which Christianity started, is the Greek church, from which the Roman Catholics are simply a sect that split off as all Protestants split off from the Roman Catholics.

At Jerusalem, where the thing started, the Greek Catholics and the Roman Catholics hate each other like snakes, and a Greek Catholic has no more respect for a Roman Catholic than either of the Catholic sects has for a Campbellite.

The Roman Catholic prays and counts beads and sprinkles holy water and burns cork and sings "I play Domino" every day, to get God and the Virgin Mary and J. H. C. to help the Japs to kill every Russian in Russia, because the Russians are Greek Catholics—the only Simon pure Christianity now in the world.

In America, however, the Roman Catholics are solid and both in England and America the Episcopal church is going like the devil beating tan bark, the Catholic church, and the Campbellites and the other sects are coming up to what the Episcopalians now are.

As soon as the issue comes squarely between Catholicism and Infidelity, and every fellow has to shine on his own side, then the picnic will begin and the Roman Catholic here will get just such a dose as the true and only original Catholic church—the Greek—is getting in Russia.

The better class of Protestants in this country are standing Christians because they have been raised on the Protestant view of it, but when the Roman Catholic begin to get in their work with their old rags and bones and pieces of the true cross and thorns out of the crown of J. H. C. and winking wax figures and liquefaction of the blood of St. Jannarius and crackers and liquor being the real bona fide meat and blood of J. H. C., a whole great big lot of these fellows who accept Protestantism are going to kick and jine the Infidels and they will make Mr. Catholic see hell, and "It's coming, coming, coming as the angels clear the way" and I want to be here to see that picnic.

CAMPING ON THE BISHOP'S TRAIL.

I prophecy that Talbot, Episcopal Bishop of Pennsylvania, will yet be

shown to have been engaged in deviltry with that woman Elliott.

A part of a press dispatch from Philadelphia, date January 14th, says: "In the second presentation it is alleged that just before the deposition of Dr. Irvine a member of the Episcopal church overheard a conversation on a railroad train between Bishop Talbot and Mrs. Elliott, lasting all the way from Philadelphia to Huntingdon. This conversation will be given with a view to proving that Bishop Talbot and Mrs. Elliott were on the best of terms. The presenters say that during the conversation Mrs. Elliott called the bishop "Bert."

"This statement is made by a woman witness. The theme of the conversation was said to be divorce. Many other interesting features, the presenters say, will be made public."

When one big church woman gets to watching another one with a preacher, you may bet your bottom dollar she is going to tell at least all that she saw and heard and we will have something salacious.

SWEENEY

Gets it Where the Chicken Got the Ax.

John S. Sweeney a Campbellite preacher in Paris was, with distiller White and another big whiskey man whose name I have forgotten—O, yes, Ford—a leader of the gang that put me in jail in his town.

Old Jack was the leading preacher of the burg at that time but a couple of episodes added to his rascally treatment of me, sorter knocked him out, and nothing has been heard of Jack in plous circles for a long time. Another Campbellite sky-buster got Jack's place and Jack got a job as postmaster of his town.

Now Bradley, former Republican Governor of Kentucky, pretty good friend to me, and as near an Infidel as a politician dares to be, in Kentucky, has knocked Jack out of his post office job and put in his man Redwine—bad name for a Prohibitionist—and now unless Jack can get a job as watchman at a distillery, or something of that kind, I reckon he will be looking around for another preaching job.

SECOND PRESENTMENT AGAINST BISHOP TALBOT.

New York, Jan. 20.—A second presentment to be brought against the Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, upon charges made by Dr. Ingram N. W. Irvine, which is now being prepared as the result of a conference held in this city, contains it is understood, in the main only two charges. The first is said to be "Immorality," meaning "Lying" and the second "Violations of Ordination Vows."

WISH I COULD UNDERSTAND IT.

"Through organization of the atomic and molecular constituents of material bodies the mind-element finally becomes pre-potent over the physico dynamic substratum, so that it is able to manifest its existence in the emotional, purposive, and hence intelligent activities of the organized matter. In the physical forms of force it is a, to us, imperceptible degree, unless we see in the purposive movements of many inorganic bodies of matter or forces, such as the gyrations of the sun and planets, sunlight, heat, electricity, etc., all of which have their certain utilities in the evolution of life, manifestations of the lower forms of intelligence in matter.

The above is from Secular Thought, an Infidel magazine, in Canada.

Whenever I read anything like that I always wish I had been educated, because I know there must be a whole lot of fun in it if I could only understand it.

A late number of the American Baptist Flag, which is published at Fulton, Ky., chronicles the sad end of an attempt to establish a mission in Mexico. A brother went there and wrote back soliciting gifts from the churches to build a meeting house. The churches responded, the meeting house was built, the brother taking title in his own name. Afterwards he returned to the States, and now the meeting house is used as a dance hall, and the brother collects the rent for the property.—Truth Seeker.

NO DEVINE CREATION

SCIENTIST SAYS ADAM AND EVE WERE MYTHS AND LIFE SIMPLY HAPPENED.

(Chicago Correspondent N. Y. Sun)

Did Adam and Eve ever live? If so, how did they originate? With these and similar questions, University of Chicago medical students are in perplexity. A hundred prospective physicians gathered in the physiological lecture room yesterday and heard Dr. A. P. Matthews, Professor of Physiological Chemistry, declare that there was no such thing as divine creation for naught by the professor.

The story of the creation of Adam and Eve, he declared, was mythical. He refused to consider it. He asserted his belief that only real chemical forces, acting under certain physical conditions, could produce life.

"There is no such thing as the divine origin of life," Dr. Matthews is credited with telling his class. "Life is on a pure physical and chemical basis: certain physical conditions, and the result was life."

He accounted for the origin of Adam and Eve as follows:

"Life originally happened. Life is made up of certain organic compounds. Certain organic compounds were made by nature; they could not be made by human beings. The compounds came together in some manner, and the result was life."

"However, I believe that it is possible to create life. There is no doubt in my mind that in a short time real life will be produced. Wonderful advances have been made on physiological chemistry in the last decade. It is shown only a question of a short time before some scientist will discover the process of the final stage. We can now make everything but the nucleus in the laboratory."

"A few years ago there were certain substances, such as urea, which were merely animal and would not result except from life. The substances, I believe have been built up in the laboratory. Like these substances, such as urea, which were merely animal and would not result except from life. The substances have been built up in the laboratory. Like these substances, I believe that life can also be created in a laboratory."

It has hardly been ten years since, in America, there were many people of professed intelligence, who believed that the story of Jonah and the whale was literally true.

Jesus Christ says in the New Testament that it was a whale that swallowed Jonah.

The Old Testament says it was a "great fish" that swallowed Jonah. A whale is not a fish, but is a warm blooded mammal, sucking its young, at two udders.

Of all the stories of the Old Testament there is none so incumbent upon the Christian to believe as the story of Jonah and the whale, because Jesus Christ selects that as the only one of the big fish stories of the Bible for the truth of which he vouches, and he specially says that not only was that story true, but that it was intended to prefigure his own resurrection from the dead, after "three days and three nights."

According to the New Testament, however, Jesus was only in the grave from the first of the night on Friday evening, until before day on Sunday morning.

That he would rise before day is not probable because he was not a farmer, but a preacher. Within the last ten years McGarvey, Campbellite, and leading sky-pilot of Lexington, has written a book, called, "Jonah and the Whale," the purpose of which was to show that that story was literally true. But so little interest did the book create, that I never saw, or ever heard of, but the one copy that a Campbellite preacher had loaned one of my neighbors.

I am not certain, but I think he quoted as true the story which, a few years ago, would occasionally go the of it as a "great fish"—seems to have then living and lecturing who had been in the whale three days. The story of Jonah and the whale finally came to be used as a joke in newspapers that were not at all heretical, and now finally, the story of Jonah and

the whale—no newspaper ever spoke of it as a "great-fish" seems to have been abandoned to its fate, even by Christians, and jokes about it, in Infidel papers are regarded as gray-bearded chestnuts.

I said, year ago, in anticipation of this, the first of the Bible stories thus commonly laughed at by all—even the orthodox—that when the story of Jonah and the whale was finally laughed out of court, the people, even those who were not commonly thought heretics—would take up some other Bible story and, in turn, take it through the same experience that had happened to the story of Jonah and the whale.

The story of Adam and Eve now seems to be the next in order.

At Cincinnati from which town they sent me to the penitentiary because I was an Infidel, you can go to the University of Chicago, of which my Presbyterian nephew, Dabney, is president and you will hear the story of God making Adam out of dust—not even mud—and then making Eve out of a rib taken out of him, spoken of in respectful terms. But not so the University of Chicago. The result will be that the University of Chicago will be regarded as a scientific institution while that of Cincinnati will be but little, if any, more than a Presbyterian theological seminary.

Nearly all educated clergy now regard the story of Jonah and the whale as a kind of parable, or a kind of allegory. They now regard the story of Adam and Eve as literally true, and, indeed, have to do so, because the whole plan of "Salvation in Christ" is based upon the actual truth of the "fall of Adam." Let that all be as it may; in about ten years of Adam and Eve will be allegorized or metaphorized, just as the story of Jonah and the whale has been. The story of Adam and Eve, will go down faster than the story of Jonah and the whale did, because the Jonah story will have established a precedent for that kind of iconoclasm. Of course the other Bible stories will have to go through the same experience and each will go faster than its predecessor.

The stories of Elijah and the two she bears, of Samson and the foxes, of Balaam's ass, Noah's ark, etc., will soon, say in 25 years, all go the same way.

The first conflict between science and religion, was about the sphericity of the earth.

The Bible taught that it was flat and the Infidel Galileo said it was round.

The priests said it would ruin their religion if Galileo was allowed to prevail, and they imprisoned him and burned, at the stake, Giordano Bruno for teaching them that the stars are as big as this earth, but all the same, the two Infidels won out and of course Infidels are going to keep on pushing that advantage like the Japs do against the Russians.

BIG CAMPBELLITE RELIGION.

"Rev. Dr." Powell, Campbellite preacher in Louisville—great Jesus! just think of "Rev. Dr." Alexander Campbell and "Rev. Dr." Barton W. Stone—had a banquet and toasts in his church in Louisville that they are about to sell for \$160,000, and Powell will preach in Macaulay's theater until they can build a church that will suit them better.

One of the toasts was "She," to which Carter Helm Jones, a Baptist preacher responded. In the Courier-Journal's report of the meeting occurs the following:

Parses "She."

"Grammatically my subject, 'She' is a personal pronoun. A pronoun stands for a noun, but I assure you that 'she' will not stand for everything; singular number, though I would hate to call her singular in her own hearing, subjective case, subject of the world's adulation and object of world's desire. Shall I decline her? Never! She alone does the declining. 'Historically, let me see. The oldest record in Gene-sis. Woman was made for Adam's express company, the first corporation known in history. Born in Paradise, first you know paradise is lost and she is raising Cain on the outside. She has been raising Cain ever since."

"First in history, first in the heart's of all of us, you will sympathize with the young man who came to me and said that he had asked and asked every girl he dared to, but had not been accepted. 'Ye ask and receive not,' said I, quoting a well known passage, 'because ye ask a-miss,' now if you

tried a widow perhaps you might be more fortunate.

It sounds like Jones had been reading the Blade for years and had picked out a lot of the poorest things I ever did say, because they were best adapted to his understanding or had selected some of the rottest rot from the other Jones—Sam; the biggest fool in America.

If I were to write stuff like that in the Blade I could not hold its patrons a month.

And yet these Campbellites are the gang that call all the other churches "sects" and claim that they don't preach anything except just what they find in the Bible.

Kentucky is the greatest of all the Campbellite states and Powell's church in Louisville is their most fashionable one and that is a sample of their cutting up.

INFIDEL JAP ON RELIGION.

Baran Snyematsu, a Jap who is one of the framers of the constitution of Japan, in a cablegram from London to the Philadelphia Bulletin in part says:

"Japan desires to meet the world in a spirit of fairness and mutual respect. We protest against the importations of the question of religion into our relations with the world. We say nothing against Christianity, but hold that religious prejudices, creeds and dogmas are not proper tests of rectitude in international affairs. We wish every question of this character to be viewed in the light of reason and to be decided in accordance with the soundest principles of law and practical righteousness."

When the Christian preacher gets as much common sense and common justice into his head as that Jap has, the world will be better and happier.

GOD STILL KILLING PRIESTS.

Thomas Reilly, a Catholic priest was teaching a lot of kids how to get to be priests at Alton, Ill.

Supper bell rang and Reilly started to it, and fell down stairs and killed himself.

He was 55 years old. I am going on 68. Not long ago I climbed a long ladder and painted the whole top of a steep slanting roof of a house 70 feet square and didn't fall and kill myself a single time.

Me and God are just knocking out the priests.

THROUGH SNOW TO TO PAY TEN CENTS FINE.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Beulah McCartin, who was sentenced two months ago, by Judge Sweeney of Newark, to pay a fine of ten cents a week for two years for having asked assistance from a minister to keep her little family together, deposited her weekly dime with Mrs. Mary Philbrook, the assistant probation officer at the court house last night.

In order to reach the court house, she had to trudge scantily clad through the snow and biting wind a distance of nearly a mile.

The dime with which she paid her fine was part of the wages of her 15-year-old daughter who had obtained a position in a department store since the sentence was imposed. She has been out of work two weeks.

The above, marked in the Butte (Montana) Evening News, was sent me.

I was a convict in a penitentiary that had 2,300 prisoners in it, the largest in the world.

I was given the most extraordinary opportunity for studying criminals and used my time to advantage, but never, in all my experience in this line have I heard of any two men who so richly deserve a long penitentiary sentence as that preacher and that judge.

I read the other day in an English paper, of a big Episcopal preacher who boasted that he was too smart to give to people who begged of him on the road, and yet of the few good things in the Bible says, "Give to him that asketh thee and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away."

If you want dog meanness, get a preacher.

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